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THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 16, 1893. 1515

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

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RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS ... \$900,000
RESERVE FUND ... £275,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5%
" " " 6 " 4 %
" " " 3 " 3 %

A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 17, 1893. 825

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

CAPITAL PAID UP, 1,000,000.

Bankers:

CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

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Branches:

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RATES OF INTEREST
Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED, £1,125,000.

PAID UP, £625,000.

Bankers:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 Months, 5%

For 6 Months, 4%

For 3 Months, 3%

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 18, 1893. 228

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$5,000,000.

PROPRIETORS, \$10,000,000.

Court of Directors:—

J. S. MOSES, Esq.—Chairman.

J. KRAMER, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

R. M. GRAY, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSON.

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Chief Manager:—

H. M. BEVAN, Esq.

London Branch:—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

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On Current Account at the rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 3 months 3% per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 4%

For 12 months 5%

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 18, 1893. 249

Intimations.

EDOTHEN MARK LODGE—No. 204.

REGULAR MEETING of the EDOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL THIS EVENING, the 28th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, March 28, 1895. 565

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 62.

ON behalf of the TAMSUI COMMISSIONER of Customs, the Undersigned beg to notify for the information of all whom it may concern, that the North Formosa Port of TAMSUI and KEELUNG are now CLOSED by TORPEDOES.

Weather permitting the Shipment and Discharge of Cargo is still possible outside Tamsui.

H. BIGAR HOBSON,
Commissioner of Customs for
Kowloon and District.

CUSTOM HOUSE, Kowloon, 26th March, 1895.

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FOR a NEWLY-STARTED BUSINESS. Must have THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH, excellent references and a local guarantee as to honesty.

Salary to a good man FIFTY DOLLARS a Month. None but those capable of producing all requirements need apply.

Offer in first instance to

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Care of Office of THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 26, 1895. 564

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

AT a MEETING of the STEWARDS of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB held on the 12th Inst., it was decided to INCREASE the added MONEY of the HONGKONG DERBY at the next MEETING in 1895 to \$10,000; and By-Law 10 was altered to read: "Height for Ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under."

HART BUCK,
Acting Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, March 22, 1895. 560

PERSONS INDEBTED to the above

ESTATE will obligate by PAYING the AMOUNTS DUE to the SHROFF of THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

C. F. A. SANGSTER,
Acting Registrar
and Official Administrator.

Hongkong, February 25, 1895. 566

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of ROBERT FRASER-SMITH, Deceased.

PERSONS INDEBTED to the above

ESTATE will obligate by PAYING the AMOUNTS DUE to the SHROFF of THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

C. F. A. SANGSTER,
Acting Registrar
and Official Administrator.

Hongkong, January 28, 1895. 563

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WOOD'S CELEBRATED COW BRAND

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED,

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ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.

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ASBESTOS NON-CONDUCTING COMPOSITION for COVERING

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SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.

ASBESTOLINE, the Most Economical Lubricant

one pound equal to 5 gallons of Oil.

Mosser. BELL'S ASBESTOS Co. received the only Gold Medal awarded to the trade, International Inventions Exhibition, and the Silver Medal, Antwerp Exhibition 1894.

ALL GOODS bearing TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.

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DAGGER PACKING

ROLLS, KITCHENS, MIDDLES.

STEAMSHIP

EX GLENGARRY AND MANILA.

FIRST DELIVERIES

OF SUMMER STOCK.

W. POWELL & CO.

HONGKONG, March 14, 1895.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Uninhabited PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR STEAMSHIP DATE REMARKS.

LONDON via MARSAILLES Adam Noon, 30th March Freight or Passage.

JAPAN Verona Noon, 30th March Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI AND KOBE I. mbar About 1st April Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI Rosetta About 7th April Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. Pekin Noon, 11th April See Special Advertisement.

LONDON Manila About 13th April Freight or Passage (calling at MARSAILLES, if sufficient time offers).

For further Particulars, apply 15.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office Hongkong, March 28, 1895.

ALE. WOOLLEY Acting Superintendent

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H. RUTTONJEE.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS.

JUST LANDED AT CHANOSHUA.

BACON

ROLLED, KITCHENS, MIDDLES.

Per lb. 45 CENTS.

Having been appointed SOLE AGENTS for these Articles, I am in a position to offer at REASONABLE PRICES.

THE CHINA MAIL.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1895.

Entertainments.

PROGRAMME OF SKY RACES,
TO BE HELD IN THE HAPPY VALLEY,
ON SATURDAY, the 20th April.

1.—HALF-MILE RACE.—Prize presented for all China ponies, weight for inches per scale, with 12 lbs. added. Subscription gratuities of 1894/5 allowed 7 lbs., bond side Polo ponies and Hacks allowed bond side 12 lbs. and receive \$10. Third place Stake, entrance \$3.

2.—POLO SOCIETY.—Prize presented for all bond side Polo ponies. Catch weight for 1st, 7 lbs. Second to save Stake, entrance \$2. A Quarter-of-a-mile.

3.—ONE MILE HANDICAP.—A forced entry for all China Ponies entered at this Sky Meeting (except in Races 2 and 7). Entrance \$1. Entries left in after 17th April \$1 extra. Entrances fees with \$10 added to go to the Winner. Second to receive \$20. Third to save Stake.

4.—THREE-QUARTER-MILE RACE.—Prize presented; Second to receive \$10. Third to save Stake. For Subscriptioon Griffins of any year. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners and placed Ponies at any Race Meeting in Hongkong or China (Off Days not to count) 1 lbs. and 3 lbs. extra respectively. Penalties accumulative.

5.—STEPCHASE.—Prize presented; Second to receive \$10. Third to save Stake. For all China Ponies, weight for inches as per scale. Ponies other than Subscriptioon Griffins and bond side Polo Ponies and Hacks, to carry 12 lbs. Previous winners and placed ponies in a Stepchase 10 lbs. and 5 lbs. respectively. Entrance \$3. From the Black Rock Once Round and in.

6.—FIVE ENDINGS RACE.—Prize presented; Second to receive \$10. Third to save Stake. For all China Ponies, weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners and placed ponies at the Sky Meeting 7 lbs. and 3 lbs. extra respectively. Hacks and bond side Polo Ponies allowed 7 lbs. Entrance \$3.

7.—LADIES' NOMINATED RACE.—Three Prizes presented. To Saddle a pony up, ride the Course at the winning post, mount, ride round a post about 150 yards distant; return, dismount, and receive a cigar and a box of matches from a Lady, light the cigar, mount, ride over the same course again. First pair of winning post with cigar slight part garnish right to win. Entrance \$1.00.

8.—CHAMPION.—Cup presented. Second to receive \$20. Third to save Stake. For all China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$5.—One Mile and a Quarter.

ENTRIES CLOSE to
HART BUCK,
Hon. Secretary,
Sky Meeting & Gymkhana Committee,
on SATURDAY, the 13th April, at 5 p.m.
Hongkong, March 21, 1895.

Intimations.

PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE FOR LADIES and GENTLEMEN. Special attention to Ladies comfort. Accommodation for Table Boarders. Central situation.

Mrs. MATHER,
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Hongkong, July 24, 1893.

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CHAN A-TONG,
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Business Office: No. 21, Gilman Street.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

Lové A. Nickols, Amer. barque, Capt. A. B. Colson.—Lamko & Rogge.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship

Juno, Captain Mrs. Niss, will be despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents,

Hongkong, March 28, 1895.

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STEAM FOR STRAITS, Ceylon, Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship PEKIN, Captain G. L. Langhorne, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 11th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. CALEDONIA, which Vessel takes on her Cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 4th MAY, 1895.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

ALF. WOOLLEY,

Acting Superintendent,

& O. S. N. Co., Odessa,

Hongkong, March 28, 1895.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Porto's Call	Bayern (s).	Norddeutscher Lloyd	April 3, at 3 p.m.
Japan.	Verona (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co., Dowdall, Carrill & Co.	March 30, at noon.
London and Hamburg	Cornarthenshire (s).	Butterfield & Swine	March 30, at noon.
London, v. St. Malo	Ixion (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 11, at noon.
London, v. Marseilles	Aeon (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 13.
London, v. Port of Call	Pek (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 3, at noon.
London.	Manila (s).	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Sydney (s).	Lloyd A. Nickols	April 9, at noon.
New York.	Sachsen (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Singapore.	Gaelic (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Francisco, v. Japan	Empress of Peking (s).	Shaw & Co.	Quick despatch.
Francisco, v. Japan	Queen Margaret (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.	Lymoreen (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 7.
Shanghai and Kobe	Rosetta (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 1.
Singapore & H'burg	Bombay (s).	Siemssen & Co.	March 29, at 2 p.m.
Touraine.	Nanchang (s).	Butterfield & Swire	March 31.
Vancouver (B.C.)	Empress of China (s).	Canal & P. I. Co.	April 10, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.)	Victoria (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 23, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

The Steamship
Cornarthenshire,
Capt. Richard, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**DODWELL, CARLISS & CO.,
Agents.**

Hongkong, March 28, 1895.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP EMPRESS OF CHINA, FROM VANCOUVER, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel, which arrived yesterday, are hereby notified that she will be discharged at once into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, from whence delivery will be given.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd April will be subject to rent, and Clause must be made before that date, after which none will be admitted.

All Cargo is landed at Consignee's risk and no F.R.O. Insurance will be effected by this Company.

Bills of Lading should be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

D. E. BROWN,
General Agent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1895.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.

March 28:—

Canton, British steamer, from Canton.

Partisan, British steamer, 1,102, Thomas, Saigon March 23, Vice—EDWARD SCHILLHASS & CO.

Dover, German steamer, 1,015, B. Grumann, Bremen March 20, General—LAURENCE WEGENER & CO.

Armenia, German steamer, 771, A. Hundewadt, Saigon March 20, Vice—WILHELM & CO.

Michigan, British steamer, 995, G. G. Davis, Taku March 24, Vice—P. J. Dowdall, General—EDWARD SWINN.

Fokien, British steamer, 1,030, H. Smith, Foochow March 17, Vice—J. J. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Array, British str., 1,030, H. Smith, Foochow March 17, Vice—J. J. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DEPARTURES.

March 28:—

Paotow, for Swatow, Proprietary for Canton.

Zafiro, for Amoy.

Ravena, for Europe, &c.

Machias, American cruiser, for Amoy.

CLEARED.

Hao-Long, for Swatow.

Prik, for Yokohama.

Canton, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Partisan, from Saigon, 4 Chinese.

Per Amoy, from Bremen, 8 Chinese.

Per Mathan, from Bangkok, 37 Chinese.

Per Fokien, from Coast Ports, The Right.

Bishop Burdett, and Mrs. Burdett, Mr. Lee, and Mrs. A. Lin, and Mr. Rose.

Per Oceanus, from Kow-ki, 15 Chinese.

Per China, from Saigon, Mr. Nam, and 65 Chinese.

Per Nanchang, from Chinkiang, 21 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Rennie, from Hongkong; for Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Judd, child, and Government; for London, Messrs. J. P. Miller, Norman Mills, W. S. Stanley, G. Robinson, and C. W. H. F. From Shantung, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Misses F. W. Miller, R. Bushell, James Clark, Samele Chih, Ven. John Donald, Dr. McDonald, Miss Yvette, Mr. and Mrs. Nickols and 2 children, from Yokohama; for Singapore, Miss T. Miss O. Tauchichi, and Mr. K. Taito, from Kow-ki; for London, Mr. Mc Brown, Jr., Mrs. Mc Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Lin, and Mr. Rose.

Per Oceanus, from Kow-ki, 15 Chinese.

Per Fokien, for Amoy, 2 Europeans, and 30 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Hao-Long, for Swatow, 50 Chinese.

Per Prik, for Yokohama, 4 Europeans.

Per Canton, for Swatow, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Markie*, reports:

From Koh-si-chang to Palo-Obi, fresh

Southerly winds and heavy weather; and from

Palo-Obi to Cape Padaran, fresh Easterly

winds and heavy weather. From North East to port moderate Southerly wind and heavy weather.

The British steamer *Yordan* reports:

Left Tamsui on the 2nd March, and had

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

4 p.m.—Ocean leaves for Hamburg, &c.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of the Library, belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. Robert Fraser-Smith, at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Convocation of Cathay Chapter.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

Saturday, March 30:—

THE CHINA MAIL.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

A REFERENCE TO THE LABOURERS.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in the China Sugar Refining Co., Limited, was held in the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. (General Agents) this afternoon. The Hon. J. J. Newick presided, and others were present—Hon. E. R. Bellios, Messrs F. A. Gomez, D. R. Stansbury, Mr. G. McConachie (Consulting Committee); H. C. Wight, J. J. Bell-Irving, D. Landale, Geo. Fenwick, W. N. Crickshank, K. M. K. Ross, G. S. Taylor, A. Tillett, G. Murray, Hui, Ho Tung, Ho Fook, J. Barton (Secretary).

Mr. Barton read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, with your permission we will as customary take the report and accounts which have been in your hands some days as read. The course of business during last year was marked by incidents highly unusual, and taken altogether, unparalleled in the history of the Company. During the earlier spring months the output at the works was curtailed owing to an insufficient supply of water caused by the exceptionally dry weather, which lasted into the month of May, and seriously interfered with business. No sooner had rain fallen and a supply of water been obtained than the outbreak of the plague caused a temporary stoppage of the refinery, owing to a strike among the coolies, who refused to work. Following upon this came the China and Japan War, which greatly retarded the operations of the refinery and sugar mill for a time.

The Chairman then proposed, and Mr. Bellios seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Sharp proposed, and Mr. Taylor seconded, the re-election of the Consulting Committee, Messrs Gillies and Lewis.

Agreed.

On the motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Crickshank, Mr. Arnold was re-elected auditor.

The Chairman thanked the shareholders for their attendance and intimated that dividend warrants will be ready on Friday, 29th inst.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Sir William Robinson presided. There were also present: Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. A. J. Leach, Acting Attorney-General; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. M. Rumsey, Harbour Master; Hon. G. P. Chater, Hon. J. J. Keswick, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. E. R. Bellios, Hon. A. McConachie, and Mr. A. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

SANCTUARY BYE-LAWS.

The Colonial Secretary moved and the Acting Attorney-General seconded the approval of by-laws passed by the Sanitary Board in respect of the Public Depots for Sheep and Swine.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer drew attention to the fact that a number of the by-laws did not appear to come under the Public Health Ordinance, and suggested that the President should make his suggestions to the Government before the by-laws were brought before the Council.

Agreed.

This was all the business.

THE LABOUR CRISIS.

PUBLIC MEETING IN CITY HALL.

A largely attended meeting of the European community was held in the City Hall this afternoon to consider what steps should be taken in view of the present labour crisis. As the meeting was not over till half-past five o'clock we are obliged to hold over a full report of proceedings till to-morrow.

The Hon. J. J. Keswick was called to the chair. He hoped the members would moderate their remarks in order to strengthen the hands of the Government and to weaken the combination against which they had to fight (applause).

Mr. E. Mackintosh said these men on strike had no grievance. It was the guilds that were pulling the strings and as long as there were guilds in this Colony, un supervised by the Government or unregulated in any way, there would be a recurrence of these disorders (applause). He did not think the Government had the experience or the capacity to deal with such a crisis, but at the same time he thought they were right, from a philanthropic point of view, in trying to improve the conditions in which these coolies lived. There was only one way to meet the Chinese combination and that was a whole-hearted combination and that was a whole-hearted combination by the employers of labour (applause).

Mr. Cooper acceded.

BILL RELATING TO WATER WORKS.

Mr. Leach moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to enable the Governor in Council to restrict the immigration of Chinese into the Colony and for other purposes in connection therewith." He explained that the object of the Bill was to empower the Governor to prohibit immigration in the event of plague being prevalent or existing in any other place outside the Colony.

Mr. Lockhart seconded.

BILL RELATING TO BUILDING REGULATIONS.

Mr. Leach moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend 'The Building Ordinance, 1889.'"

The object of the Bill is to repeal Sections 84 and 85 of the old Ordinance and to substitute a new Section in order to do away with an apparent inconsistency between the two Sections.

Mr. Cooper seconded.

BILL RELATING TO LICENSING OF TROLIES.

Mr. Leach moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for regulating the Licensing of Private Vehicles." He explained that there was no intention of interfering with private chaise or rickshas, but to limit the use of trucks, carts and trolleys which were becoming a nuisance.

Mr. Lockhart seconded.

BILL RELATING TO ARMS CONSOLIDATION BILL.

Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Mr. Keswick read a portion of a letter he had received only two hours before the Council met, and asked for further delay. The letter was signed by several German firms. He received the letter as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and had no time to submit it to the Committee of the Chamber.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the bill until next meeting, any amendment to be submitted by the Government.

TAIPEIGEZHAN.

Mr. Cooper's report on Taipingezhan was referred to the Public Works Committee.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Held after the Council meeting—the Colonial Secretary presiding.

THE SANCTUARY DEPARTMENT.

To vote a sum of \$500 per annum for a Commissioner Clerk to the Sanitary Department, at the rate of \$50 per annum for 9 months from 1st April, 1895.

Agreed.

EXCHANGE COMPENSATION.—NO FINALITY.

The Governor recommended the Committee to vote the sum of \$50,000 for payment of Exchange Compensation in respect of 1894.

The above is approximately the unexpected balance of the sum previously voted.

The President—Hon. Members will notice this is a vote. They will remember that at a meeting of Council held on 28th November last the Hon. the Senator Unofficial Member moved that a sum of \$50,000 be voted in respect of exchange compensation. Only part of that sum was expended last year, as all the members of the Civil Service at that time did not accept the terms offered them. All the members have now accepted the terms which have been offered to them, and it is necessary to vote this amount in order to cover the amount of compensation that will have to be paid.

Mr. Bellios—Have all the members of the Civil Service accepted the arrangement?

The President—All have accepted who are entitled to exchange compensation.

Mr. Bellios—I do not suppose the question has been cleared up even now. For what year have these gentlemen accepted the arrangement?

The President—The Secretary of State, in offering the terms, has laid it down clearly that the subject is open to yearly reconsideration.

Mr. Bellios—An annual exchange goes down to 16 or up to 4 for the dollar, then they can reconsider the matter.

The President—I have just mentioned that the Secretary of State has said it is

not been considered necessary to have them here for the purpose of the audit, which we consider the condition of the colonial would render unnecessary. The Manila agents' attention, however, will be called to the question addressed to me by Mr. Bellios, and the master will receive attention.

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The Chairman—The accounts are audited in Hongkong as you are aware, but the system followed is this. The Manila Agents send over a complete journal certified as correct to the Auditor. From that journal we receive the ledger, which becomes practically a copy of the Manila ledger. The vouchers, of course, are in Manila, but it has not been considered necessary to have them here for the purpose of the audit, which we consider the condition of the colonial would render unnecessary. The Manila agents' attention, however, will be called to the question addressed to me by Mr. Bellios, and the master will receive attention.

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Mr. Bellios—Do you wish me to formulate this as a resolution?

The Chairman—if you so desire it. But I think the Manila agents will be only too glad to meet the wishes of the shareholders. I do not think it is necessary to put it in the form of a resolution. I am quite sure that when the Manila agents attend the account of the meeting and the inquiry made by yourself they will be quite ready to meet the wishes of the shareholders.

The Chairman then proposed, and Mr. Bellios seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Sharp proposed, and Mr. Taylor seconded, the re-election of the Consulting Committee, Messrs Gillies and Lewis.

Agreed.

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The following is the translation of a letter from a native missionary at Mui Luk:

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